

Amendments to the Specification:

A paragraph was added to the specification in the Amendment dated October 5, 2006. This paragraph was added after paragraph [0012]. Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph that was added in the Amendment dated October 5, 2006:

The porous ceramic phase includes a discrete ceramic layer, and the porous polymer phase includes a discrete polymer layer. The interphase region is situated between the discrete layer of the porous ceramic phase and the discrete layer of the porous polymer phase.